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of:

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ARTICLE MATERIAL THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT 'A'

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Dear Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please enter the following preliminary
amendment for the enclosed application:

In the claims:

In claim 3, line 1, please delete --or 2-- after the number "1".

In claim 6, line 1, please delete --to 5-- after the number "1".

In claim 9, line 1 and 2, please delete -- any one of the preceding claims -- and
insert in place thereof "claim 1".

In claim 12, line 1 and 2, please delete -- any one of the preceding claims-- and
insert in place thereof "claim 1".

In claim 14, line 1 and 2, please delete -- any one of the preceding claims -- and
insert in place thereof "claim 1".